GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA

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SEALING OF SHOPS
Jha Shri Raghunath

Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

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(a) The estimated number of workers/labourers rendered jobless consequent upon the sealing of shops in residential and commercial areas in Delhi ;

(b) Whether the Government has any plan for their re-deployment ;

(c) If so, the details thereof ;

(d) Whether the number of commercial markets in Delhi is insufficient to meet the requirements of Delhites ; and

(e) If so, the action taken by the Government in this regard ?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT(SHRI AJAY MAKEN)

(a)to(c): The Government of NCT of Delhi (GNCTD) has reported that it has no authentic information regarding the adverse impact of sealing process on the interests of labourers/workers.

(d)&(e): Delhi Development Authority (DDA) has reported that apart from providing a hierarchy of commercial centres it has already completed planning of all the district centres for which land is available for development and taken expeditious steps to dispose of all the plots so that construction of necessary commercial space can be taken up immediately.

The Government has also modified Master Plan, 2001 vide notification dated 7.9.2006 in order to provide a more liberalized and rational policy for use of residential premises for non-residential activities including commercial activity. The Government of NCT of Delhi has also notified about 2183 streets as mixed use/commercial streets on which commercial

activities are now permissible in residential premises in accordance with the notification dated 7.9.2006. These measures have been taken to augment the availability of commercial space in the city in addition to the commercial space already developed by DDA.

The Supreme Court has already granted relief from sealing to large number of establishments that are covered under the notification dated 7.9.2006 and also to small shops dealing in 24 items and measuring not more than 20 sqm.